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SUBJECT: ROMEO LEBLANC NAMED ACTING ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

1. GOC HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ROMEO LEBLANC, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT SUBSEQUENT TO JEAN MARCHAN'S RESIGNATION LAST WEEK. HE CONTINUES TO HOLD HIS FISHERIES PORTFOLIO AS WELL. THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME LEBLANC HAS BEEN ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT; HE HELD THE POSITION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PRIOR TO MARCHAN'S APPOINTMENT. SO HE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS PROBLEMS. PRESUMABLY, HE WILL HOLD THE POSITION UNTIL CABINET SHAKE-UP OCCURS, SOMETIME IN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. LEBLANC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET MARCHAND'S OBLIGATION TO MEET WITH EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN TO TOUR GREAT LAKES LATER THIS MONTH. HOWEVER, GOC HOPING THAT EITHER MITCHELL SHARP, PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND SIGNER OF GREAT LAKES AGREEMENT, OR A COMBINATION OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY GEORGE BAKER (WHO ATTENDED MARCHAND-TRAIN MEETING) AND ENVIRONMENT DEPUTY MINISTER BLAIR SEABORN, WILL BE ABLE TO SUBSTITUTE.
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